

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending. Claims 18-54 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaptein (US 5,551,649). Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haigler (US 4,887,298). Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 2-4, 10, 11, 16, 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has incorporated a feature of Claim 2 in Claim 1, and believes that Claim 1 is now allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as original Claim 2. Claims 2-17 depend from Claim 1 and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of Claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-54 have been canceled.

Claims 55-65 have been added to capture subject matter that was originally presented in the specification and claims. Examination of Claims 55-65 is respectfully requested.

In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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